

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A resin composition which exhibits reversible crosslinking behavior prepared by copolymerizing an alpha, beta ethylenically unsaturated monomer with an oil soluble metal salt prepared by reacting (A) a metal compound with (B) an acid functional compound which is a reaction product of (1) an alpha-beta ethylenically unsaturated hydroxy compound and (2) a carboxylic polyacid, anhydride, sulfur oxide, or phosphorus oxide. The process of heating the resin so as to cause reversible crosslinking is also disclosed.